



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board

Notes

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board met on Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 5:37 p.m. at the Downtown Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Vice Chair
Ed Ware
Cindy Schiesel, Chair
Michael Elsner

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 4
Ward 6

Absent Members:

Tom Clark
Evelyn Alvarez
Hector Morales

Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 5

Advisory Members Present:

Bruce Cameron
Joaquin Murrieta
Jennifer Lopez

Absent Advisory Members:

Daniel Knieter

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Terry Rozema, Tucson Police Department

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Equal Opportunity Employment, Independent Police Auditor

Others Present:

Kris Page-Iverson, City Attorney's Office
Deputy Chief Kermit Miller, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Rick Wilson, Tucson Police Department
Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department
Officer Meredith Gietzke, Tucson Police Department
Ceci Sotomayor, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Notes of November 21, 2006

Motion by Michael Elsner, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 (Tom Clark, Evelyn Alvarez and Hector Morales absent) to approve the notes of November 21, 2006 with corrections. Item number 9 should read "suspensions had ~~decreased~~ increased significantly and there were less progressive natures in written reprimands." Item number 10 should read "they did not write the ~~dominations~~ denominations of the money on the envelope."

3. Call to the Audience

No audience present.

4. Presentation of new Board Members

Chair Schiesel said Hector Morales was still ill.

5. Presentation and Review of TPD Discipline Matrix by Captain Terry Rozema

Captain Rozema said the matrix was set up with five types of violations. They were listed from the letters A to E. He said A was the least serious of the five offenses. He stated a first offense C violation got the officer a forty hour suspension automatically.

Captain Rozema discussed the ramifications of a type D violation that encompassed the misuse of power and/or authority. He indicated that a type E violation included untruthfulness or other ethical offenses and would likely end in termination.

Deputy Chief Miller said any marks become permanent record but each violation could only be counted against the officer for a certain amount of time.

6. Office of Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report

No discussion

B. Monthly Contacts

No discussion

7. Tucson Police Department

A. TPD Updates

Captain Rozema introduced Captain Bob Shoun who would be replacing him on the Citizens Police Advisory Review Board.

Chair Schiesel presented Captain Rozema with a Certificate of Appreciation for the time he served on the Board.

B. Office of Internal Affairs

There was no discussion.

8. Description and Explanation of Classifications (C-1, C-2, C-3) of Citizen complaints and Related Investigations as Indicated on TPD's Investigation Summary Reports by Captain Rozema

Lieutenant Rick Wilson gave the report. He said the classifications of citizen complaints came about a few years ago. He said the police department wanted to track things to see if there were consistent problems and how many contacts they had with the public per month.

Lieutenant Wilson said a C-1 was a formal complaint. He said the allegations could be serious or non-serious and could be investigated by the chain of command or internal affairs. He said if there was three or more witness that needing to be interviewed in any investigation, internal affairs automatically took the case.

Lieutenant Wilson said a C-2 was an informal complaint. He said that in many cases the individual who called just wanted the sergeant to be informed about the officer's conduct. He said these were non-serious complaints in nature and if someone called and did not want to file a complaint but it sounded serious, internal affairs had the right to investigate the situation. He said the sergeant would get a copy of the complaint that was made and it was information that the department kept track of.

Lieutenant Wilson said a C-3 was informal because it was a call that did not rise to the level of a complaint. He said an example of that would be "officer so and so was rude to them during a traffic stop." He stated after research there was no substantial proof or a violation against general orders. He said the officer and the squad commander received a copy of the person's comment and was informed that it was not an issue.

Lieutenant Wilson said a C-1 could be submitted in court.

9. Random Review of TPD Investigations

1. Case #06-0174

The Board asked if the lady got restitution.

Lieutenant Wilson said no.

Case #06-0174 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 4-0. (Tom Clark, Evelyn Alvarez and Hector Morales absent)

2. Case #06-0179

The comment was made that Sergeant Wes Dison wrote an impressive report.

Lieutenant Wilson said the officer saw what the problems were and made steps within the department to correct them.

There was some confusion about the phone numbers given to the complaint.

Lieutenant Wilson said the person should have been given the phone number to communications. He said the answering machine has been changed since the incident.

Case #06-0179 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 4-0. (Tom Clark, Evelyn Alvarez and Hector Morales absent)

3. Case #06-0320

Lieutenant Wilson mentioned that the review raised the discipline to a type B violation.

The Board asked about the qualifications of a Marshall.

Lieutenant Wilson said the marshals in place now are retired police officers.

The Board asked if the officer had ran the plate what would have happened.

Lieutenant Wilson said it would have been a criminal investigation.

Case #06-0320 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 4-0. (Tom Clark, Evelyn Alvarez and Hector Morales absent)

10. Recess

By consensus, the Board decided to forego a recess.

11. Review of Citizen comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD during the past month

The Board requested complete responses.

Officer Meredith Gietzke, Tucson Police Department, informed the Board that these comments come from the website and she has nothing to do with the order they come in or the responses generated.

12. Report by Advisory Member Bruce Cameron on current status of, and plans for, CPARB Website

Mr. Cameron said he had updated the website.

13. Report from the Chair/Announcements

Chair Schiesel welcomed Captain Shoun.

Chair Schiesel said thank you to Bruce Cameron for his time on the Board. Mr. Cameron had moved out of the city limits and would no longer be able to serve on the board.

14. Future Agenda Items

Chair Schiesel requested someone talk to the Board about gangs in Tucson.

Vice Chair Susan Thornton asked for a presentation on graffiti.

15. Adjournment – 6:45 p.m.

MOTION by Ed Ware, duly seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 4 to 0, to adjourn. (Tom Clark, Evelyn Alvarez and Hector Morales absent)